
Minidoka North Side RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN DRAFT GOALS, OBJECTIVES

Land Use & Management (LUM)

GOAL LUM 1: Ensure that Project purposes are not restricted or impacted as a result of other uses and activities.

Objective LUM 1.1: For safety and security reasons, require that Minidoka Dam and the security area surrounding the dam remain closed to public access.

Objective LUM 1.2: Protect access to and use of material extraction sites on Reclamation lands to allow for the continued extraction and/or storage of sand, gravel, and rock for the purpose of Irrigation District and Reclamation construction activities.

Objective LUM 1.3: Ensure that easements and crossing agreements issued to private and public entities do not interfere with Project operation and maintenance.

Objective LUM 1.4: Address and resolve unauthorized access-related conflicts pertaining to Reclamation operations and maintenance roads (see Reclamation Manual LND 08-01, paragraphs 3.H).

Objective LUM 1.5: Ensure that Reclamation facilities are not impacted by new construction (e.g., stormwater runoff, relocations, and crossings).

GOAL LUM 2: Provide direction on the use or disposal of Reclamation property.

Objective LUM 2.1: Within authorities and compatible with Project purposes, natural and cultural resource protection, and land management needs, allow suitable parcels to be transferred or disposed (see Reclamation Manual LND 08-02).

Objective LUM 2.2: Consider leasing Reclamation parcels for grazing or agricultural uses where appropriate.

GOAL LUM 3: Engage and work cooperatively with other agencies to manage resources, uses, and activities on appropriate Reclamation lands.

Objective LUM 3.1: Renegotiate formal Reclamation/IDFG agreements for IDFG management of specific parcels. [see NAT 1.7].

Objective LUM 3.2: Continue agreements and cooperative working relationships with Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for the management of Lake Walcott State Park and Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge (respectively), and where appropriate and feasible on other nearby Reclamation lands. [see REC 1.1 and 1.2]

GOAL LUM 4: Ensure protection of the public, facilities, and public resource values on Reclamation lands and alleviate conflicts with adjacent lands.

Objective LUM 4.1: Pursue agreements with other Federal and local agencies as the primary enforcement entities to ensure an adequate level of law enforcement on Reclamation lands.

Objective LUM 4.2: Investigate and implement means of more efficiently and effectively improving law enforcement on Reclamation lands.

Objective LUM 4.3: Develop and implement a comprehensive wildland fire management plan to address public safety-related concerns, as well as efforts that would enhance the natural resource values of RMP lands. [see NAT 1.6].

Objective LUM 4.4: Eliminate existing trespass/encroachments on Reclamation lands (see Reclamation Manual LND P04).

Objective LUM 4.5: Implement measures to address unauthorized uses of Reclamation lands, including the clean up of trash dumps and monitoring to prevent future dumping.

Objective LUM 4.6: Educate the public that all Reclamation lands are closed to ORV use (see 43 CFR Part 420). See REC 2.1, related to preparation of an Access Management Plan.

Objective LUM 4.7: Ensure that siting and design of all new facilities, structures, roads, and trails on Reclamation lands maximize compatibility and integration with the open, rural environment and historic landscape of the surrounding area.

Objective LUM 4.8: Minimize impacts on adjacent/surrounding lands resulting from land disturbing activities undertaken on Reclamation lands.

Objective LUM 4.9: Address and resolve unauthorized access-related conflicts pertaining to Reclamation lands.

Objective LUM 4.10: Ensure that monitoring of agricultural and grazing activities is conducted to enforce compliance with lease terms.

Objective LUM 4.11: Prohibit concentrated shooting/target practice on Reclamation lands as required except as formally authorized by Reclamation policy (see Reclamation Manual ENV 02-07).

GOAL LUM 5: Provide informational, educational, and interpretive materials to increase public awareness of Reclamation boundaries, use restrictions, safety concerns, natural and cultural resource values, and recreational opportunities.

Objective LUM 5.1: On all publicly distributed materials show the public closure area in the vicinity of Minidoka Dam, as appropriate.

Objective LUM 5.2: Using Reclamation's sign manual develop clear, consistent signage to guide public access to and the use of Reclamation lands.

Objective LUM 5.3: Improve public information/awareness of Reclamation lands through better on-the-ground boundary demarcation using signage, fencing, or other means as feasible and where necessary.

Objective LUM 5.4: Coordinate with other agencies and entities to develop an educational interpretive program that incorporates illustrating the prehistoric, historic, and current land use practices, as well as natural features.

GOAL LUM 6: Achieve timely implementation and coordination of RMP programs and projects.

Objective LUM 6.1: Maintain a clear phasing schedule and list of priorities for RMP implementation; and update on an annual basis.

Objective LUM 6.2: Seek Reclamation and managing partners (USFWS, IDPR, IDFG, Counties, etc.) joint funding to implement applicable RMP actions according to the priority list and phasing schedule.

Objective LUM 6.3: Keep stakeholders, surrounding landowners, Tribes and the public informed regarding the status of implementing the RMP.

Natural Resources (NAT)

GOAL NAT 1: Protect, conserve, and as funding is available enhance wildlife, vegetation, and habitat values on Reclamation lands.

Objective NAT 1.1: Avoid or minimize impacts of RMP actions on Federal and State designated species of special concern, including those Federally listed rare, threatened or endangered.

Objective NAT 1.2: Protect and enhance resource values of and for native species (plants and animals) on parcels or portions of parcels exhibiting mainly high quality habitat (where native vegetation is dominant).

Objective NAT 1.3: Conserve and restore pockets of native vegetation on portions of larger parcels exhibiting mainly non-native vegetation.

Objective NAT 1.4: Protect, enhance, and/or create new wetland and riparian habitats on Reclamation lands in accordance with existing Federal regulations, Irrigation District needs, and wildlife habitat conservation objectives by pursuing partners for wetland development and other appropriate means (see Reclamation Manual LND P03).

Objective NAT 1.5: Develop, and work with other agencies (BLM, IDFG, IDPR, and various county Weed Control Boards) to implement, an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan for parcels within the RMP area, including: aquatic, terrestrial, and airborne noxious and invasive weed and pest problems (see Reclamation Manual ENV 01-01).

Objective NAT 1.6: Ensure development and implementation of a comprehensive wildland fire management plan or plans. Implementation may include additional agreements for wildland fire prevention, fuels management, suppression, and rehabilitation, in an effort to protect, restore, and enhance, the natural resource values of RMP lands, as well as public safety-related concerns.

Objective NAT 1.7: Work with IDFG to implement habitat protection, enhancement, and restoration activities on Reclamation lands managed jointly with IDFG [see LUM 3.1]

GOAL NAT 2: Protect water quality on all Reclamation lands.

Objective NAT 2.1: Where appropriate, coordinate with Irrigation Districts the use of appropriate parcels for drain water management purposes.

Objective NAT 2.2: Manage the use of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides on Reclamation lands, including those leased for agricultural purposes, in a manner that does not adversely affect water quality and is consistent with State and Federal laws. [see NAT 1.5]

Objective NAT 2.3: Minimize the potential for pollutants to enter wetlands and the Snake River from activities on Reclamation lands.

Objective NAT 2.4: Provide adequate sanitation and waste management facilities at developed recreation sites (e.g., restrooms, trash containers, and RV dump stations, as appropriate) to protect water quality.

GOAL NAT 3: Control soil erosion in priority areas where it causes concern for water quality and damage to resources and facilities.

Objective NAT 3.1: Implement an effective erosion control program (standards, guidelines, and BMPs) in all construction activities and maintenance programs on Reclamation lands while considering program effects on other resources (natural, scenic, cultural).

Cultural Resources (CUL)

Goal CUL 1: Seek to protect and preserve cultural resources, including prehistoric and historic-period archaeological sites and traditional cultural properties.

Objective CUL 1.1: In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) seek to protect National Register-eligible sites from impacts from new undertakings.

Objective CUL 1.2: In accordance with Section 110 of the NHPA implement proactive management of cultural resources, focusing on protecting identified resources from damage.

Objective CUL 1.3: Increase awareness of cultural resources compliance and protection requirements among resource management partners.

Objective CUL 1.4: With local partners provide opportunities for public education on area prehistory and history, including the importance of and requirements for protecting these resources.

Indian Sacred Sites (ISS)

Goal ISS 1: Comply with requirements of Executive Order 13007 (Indian Sacred Sites).

Objective ISS 1.1: Seek to avoid damage to Indian sacred sites (when present and identified), when avoidance is consistent with accomplishing Reclamation's mission and larger public responsibilities.

Objective ISS 1.2: Provide for access by traditional religious practitioners to sacred sites, when consistent with mission.

Indian Trust Assets (ITA)

Goal ITA 1: Protect and conserve Indian Trust Assets as specified in applicable Secretarial Orders.

Objective ITA 1.1: Consult with appropriate tribes on actions that may affect Indian Trust Assets.

Recreation and Access (REC)

GOAL REC 1: Work with IDPR and USFWS in continuing to provide adequate facilities at Lake Walcott State Park and the surrounding area while affording the public a quality recreational experience consistent with natural and cultural resource objectives.

Objective REC 1.1: Coordinate with IDPR and USFWS in development to accommodate increased demand at Lake Walcott State Park.

Objective REC 1.2: Accommodate continuing day use activities at the Bishop's Hole site consistent with natural and cultural resource objectives.

Objective REC 1.3: Assess and where appropriate support viable concession services at the State Park and/or appropriate sites; with concession management to follow Reclamation's policy.

Objective REC 1.4: Pursue enhancement of fishing access downstream of Minidoka Dam subject to security concerns.

GOAL REC 2: Allow for dispersed recreational activities on Reclamation lands, consistent with Reclamation Project purposes, regulations, and natural and cultural resource objectives.

Objective REC 2.1: Prepare and conduct an access management plan in coordination with other affected agencies and managing partners to determine where and how vehicular access will be allowed on Reclamation lands.

Objective REC 2.2: Continue to allow non-vehicular access on all parcels (except for those specifically closed for such use), and where appropriate improve opportunities with a non-Federal, public entity managing partner (i.e., hunting, fishing, and trapping).

Objective REC 2.3: Continue to allow ad hoc day use activities, and where appropriate improve opportunities with a non-Federal, public entity managing partner for non-consumptive recreational uses (e.g., nature appreciation, dispersed camping, wildlife watching, etc.) on suitable parcels.

Objective REC 2.4: Where appropriate continue to allow ad hoc camping to occur consistent with natural and cultural resource objectives.

Objective REC 2.5: Pursue a relationship and work with a non-Federal public entity managing partner to develop feasible opportunities for developing and maintaining non-motorized recreational trails on appropriate parcels, including interpretive trails focused on natural and cultural resources, as well as tying into IDPR/USFWS plans for additional trail development in the Lake Walcott area.